

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 14 through 40.

1. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A polymer composition:  
a first component being an adipic polyester;  
a second component being a natural polymer; and  
a third component being a thermoplastic polyester, wherein the first component, second component and third component are combined to form the polymer composition.
2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A polymer composition as set forth in claim 1 wherein the natural polymer is starch.
3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A polymer composition as set forth in claim 2 wherein the starch is granular.
4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A polymer composition as set forth in claim 1 wherein the hydroxy-functional polymer is a poly(hydroxy ester ether)(PHEE).
5. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A polymer composition as set forth in claim 1 wherein the thermoplastic polyester is one from a group comprising poly(lactic acid), cellulose acetate, polycaprolactone, polyhydroxy(butyrate-co-valerate)(PHBV), poly(butylene succinate adipate), poly(butylene succinate), aliphatic-aromatic copolymer, and poly(ethylene terphthalate)(PET).

6. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A polymer composition as set forth in claim 1 wherein the second component is present in an amount up to about 74 wt.%.

7. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A polymer composition as set forth in claim 1 wherein the first component is present in an amount up to about 40 wt.%.

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A polymer composition as set forth in claim 1 wherein the third component is present in an amount up to about 80 wt.%.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A polymer composition as set forth in claim 1 including a fourth component from a group comprising an external lubricant, nucleating agent and plasticizer.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A polymer composition as set forth in claim 1 wherein the natural polymer has a moisture content of less than about 15 wt.%.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A polymer composition as set forth in claim 1 wherein the polymer composition is biodegradable.

12. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A polymer composition as set forth in claim 1 wherein the polymer composition is processed into an article that keeps its shape at temperatures of up to and more than about 100°C.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A polymer composition as set forth in claim 1 wherein the polymer composition is annealed to increase high temperature stability.

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41. (ORIGINAL)      A polymer composition:

a first component being a hydroxy-functional polymer;

a second component being a natural polymer; and

a third component being a thermoplastic polyester, wherein the first component, second component and third component are combined to form the polymer composition and wherein the hydroxy-functional polymer is a poly(hydroxy ester ether)(PHEE) in an amount of about 1 wt.%.